

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

July 2009

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.2 percent between June 2009 and July 2009 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.3 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the July All-items Index decreased from June 2009 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, fresh vegetables, and inter-city transportation. Prices also fell for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), children's clothing (including infants), and cereal products (excluding infant food).

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for women's clothing, prescribed medicines, fresh fruit, and men's clothing. Prices also rose for personal care supplies and equipment, traveller accommodation, and cablevision and satellite services (including pay television).

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 0.9 percent between July 2008 and July 2009 while the Canada All-items Index decreased 0.9 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.5 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The July All-items Index increased from July 2008 primarily due to increased prices for mortgage interest cost, food purchased from restaurants, electricity, and rent. Prices also rose for prescribed medicines, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, and property taxes (including special charges).

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, housing (replacement cost), and for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for natural gas, fuel oil and other fuels, and home entertainment equipment, parts and services.

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index <u>July 2009</u> (2002 = 100)	June 2009	Percent Change	
			<u>June 2009</u> to <u>July 2009</u>	<u>July 2008</u> to <u>July 2009</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	118.0	118.2	-0.2	0.9
Food	123.5	123.4	0.1	6.6
Shelter	139.5	139.5	0.0	3.2
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.7	104.7	0.0	3.3
Clothing and Footwear	96.6	94.5	2.2	1.2
Transportation	108.0	110.5	-2.3	-10.1
Health and Personal Care	114.1	112.9	1.1	8.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.6	104.5	0.1	0.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	132.1	132.4	-0.2	2.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	116.5	116.5	0.0	2.8
Energy	131.7	134.4	-2.0	-12.7
CANADA				
All-Items	114.7	115.1	-0.3	-0.9
Food	122.3	122.2	0.1	5.0
Shelter	120.8	121.3	-0.4	-2.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	107.1	107.3	-0.2	2.6
Clothing and Footwear	91.3	91.3	0.0	-2.1
Transportation	114.3	116.1	-1.6	-9.1
Health and Personal Care	112.5	112.8	-0.3	3.7
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.3	103.8	0.5	1.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.5	131.6	-0.1	3.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.5	113.6	-0.1	1.8
Energy	129.6	133.9	-3.2	-23.4
REGINA				
All-Items	118.0	118.3	-0.3	1.5
SASKATOON				
All-Items	119.0	119.1	-0.1	0.8

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>June 2009</u> to <u>July 2009</u>	<u>July 2008</u> to <u>July 2009</u>
Canada	-0.3	-0.9
Newfoundland	-0.5	-0.9
Prince Edward Island	-0.1	-1.3
Nova Scotia	0.1	-1.0
New Brunswick	-0.1	-0.4
Quebec	-0.4	-0.3
Ontario	-0.4	-1.2
Manitoba	-0.1	0.0
Saskatchewan	-0.2	0.9
Alberta	-0.4	-1.5
British Columbia	-0.4	-1.6
Whitehorse	-0.4	-0.8
Yellowknife	-0.3	-0.1
Iqaluit	-0.4	1.5

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>June 2009</u> <u>to</u> <u>July 2009</u>	<u>July 2008</u> <u>to</u> <u>July 2009</u>
St. John's	-0.4	-0.4
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.0	-0.8
Halifax	0.1	-0.7
Saint John	-0.1	-0.4
Quebec City	-0.4	0.0
Montreal	-0.4	-0.1
Ottawa	-0.4	-1.0
Toronto	-0.4	-1.1
Thunder Bay	-0.8	-1.6
Winnipeg	-0.1	0.0
Regina	-0.3	1.5
Saskatoon	-0.1	0.8
Edmonton	-0.3	-1.5
Calgary	-0.4	-1.1
Vancouver	-0.4	-1.6
Victoria	-0.4	-1.1
Whitehorse	-0.4	-0.8
Yellowknife	-0.1	-0.1
Iqaluit	-0.4	1.5

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